

**10/520 445**

DT15 Rec'd PCT/PTO 06 JAN 2005

PATENT

450100-04677

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Takuji HIMENO et al.

Serial No.: Filed Concurrently Herewith

International Application No.: PCT/JP03/08432

International Filing Date: July 2, 2003

For: IMAGE DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10151

**EXPRESS MAIL**

Mailing Label Number: EV206809613US

Date of Deposit: January 6, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Barnet Shindler

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

B. Shindler

(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: